

Executive Privilege
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25 June 1956

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Godel, Department of Defense  
re Mr. John Drew**

1. At approximately 2:45 P.M. on 25 June 1956, Bill Godel called the undersigned and asked if I knew of any particular reason why the Director would be unable to attend the luncheon on 28 June to be given by Deputy Secretary of Defense Reuben Robertson in honor of John Drew, a representative of the British War Office who is visiting the U. S. at the invitation of the Department of Defense.

2. I replied that the reason the Director could not attend this luncheon was due to the fact that he had a previous engagement which he could not cancel. Mr. Godel said this was most unfortunate since one of the first questions Mr. Drew had asked upon his arrival was, How are you (Defense) getting along with the Central Intelligence Agency in forward planning activities? -- and therefore if the Director could not attend the luncheon, he was afraid that Drew would feel that all was not "sweetness and light" between Defense and ourselves on this subject. He then asked if the Director could not join the group for at least a drink before the luncheon and then proceed on to his other appointment. I advised Godel that the Director's commitment on that day involved another luncheon and it would be impossible due to this.

3. He then asked if the Director was planning to attend General Erskine's cocktail party for Drew on 30 June 1956 and I advised him that the Director had not discussed this with me. Godel then commented that he certainly hoped the Director would show up at this latter function since if he did not, Drew would most assuredly think "something was wrong."

4. The Director was advised of the above this date.

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